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Silo Art Trail sees grain storage buildings used as artists' canvasses through Wimmera Mallee

1 The Devenish silo artwork painted by Melbourne artist Cam Scale is seen on Tuesday in Devenish, Australia. The Silo Art Trail is Australia's largest outdoor gallery. The trail started in 2016 and stretches over 200 kilometers, linking Brim with neighboring towns Lascelles, Patchewollock, Rosebery, Rupanyup and Sheep Hills in the Wimmera Mallee area of rural Victoria. The trail recognizes and celebrates the region's people through a series of large-scale mural portraits painted onto grain silos, many of which date back to the 1930s.

Kylie Jenner is world's youngest billionaire

2 Kylie Jenner on Tuesday was named the youngest self-made billionaire of all time by Forbes magazine, thanks to the booming cosmetics company she founded three years ago. Jenner, 21, the half-sister of reality television stars Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian, made it onto the annual Forbes list of billionaires after debuting her Kylie Cosmetics online in 2015 with $29 "lip kits" containing matching lipstick and lip liner. Forbes said she was both the world's youngest billionaire and also the youngest self-made billionaire ever. On their billionaires list, Forbes distinguishes between those who inherited much of their wealth and those who made their fortunes on their own. Kylie would be in 2,057th place whether she was self-made or inherited. Last year, Kylie Cosmetics did an estimated $360 million in sales, according to Forbes.

Top Tesla shareholder: Musk 'doesn't need to be CEO'

3 Tesla Inc.'s largest shareholder expressed its support for Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk, but acknowledged that it was open to a different role for the electric carmaker's founder and CEO, Barron's reported on Tuesday. "We wouldn't be against him having a different role," James Anderson, head of global equities for Baillie Gifford & Co, told Barron's. "I don't think he needs to be CEO." Anderson said Musk was essential to Tesla, but suggested that the company's founder could play some other role within the company, such as taking on a "chief ideologue" position, according to the report. Edinburgh-based investment management company Baillie Gifford has a nearly 8 percent stake in the company, according to Refinitiv data. Both Tesla and Baillie Gifford did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

A closer look at Philly's first medical marijuana dispensary

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For Philadelphia residents battling a chronic illness, medical marijuana has been a game changer. Restore Integrative Wellness Center, located at 957 Frankford Avenue, was the first-ever medical marijuana dispensary to set up shop in the city. Since opening their doors in May 2018, they've expanded their footprint to serve more of the community—and they have no plans of slowing down.

How many locations do you have?

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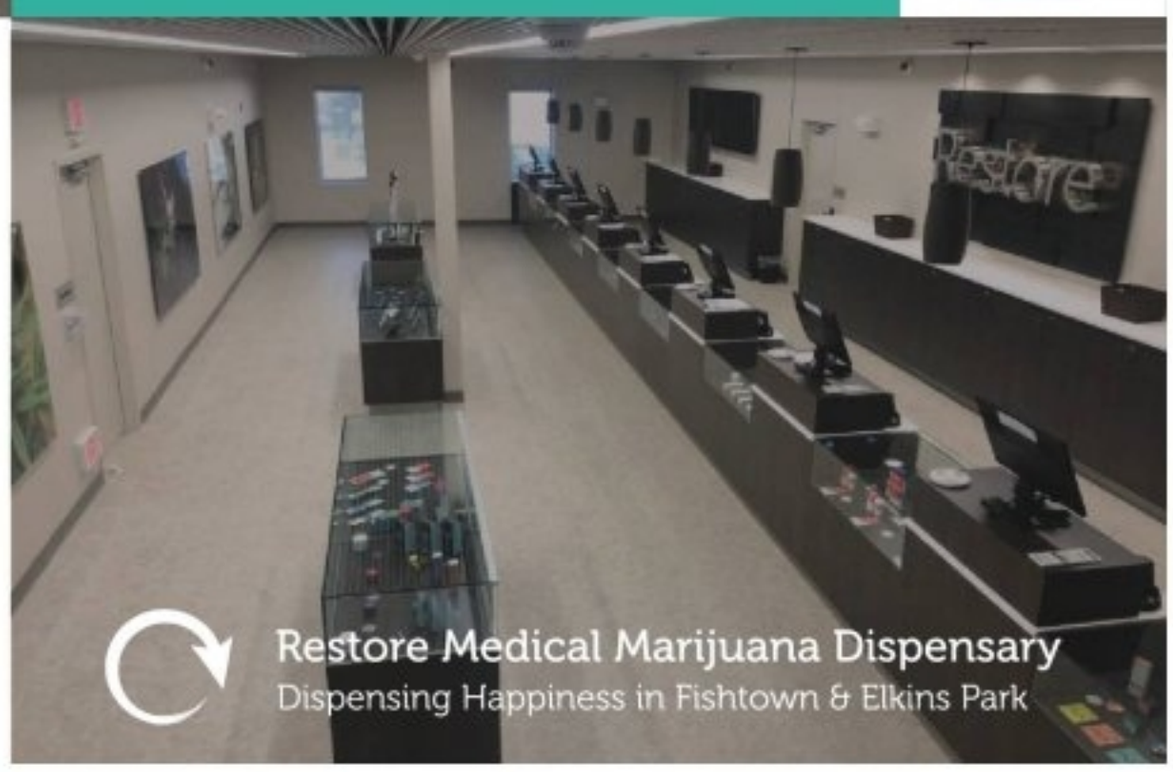

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UK patient becomes second AIDS cure hope

Experts say the case is proof of concept that scientists can one day end the disease.

An HIV-positive man in Britain has become the second known adult worldwide to be cleared of the AIDS virus after he received a bone marrow transplant from an HIV-resistant donor, his doctors said.

Almost three years after he received bone marrow stem cells from a donor with a rare genetic mutation that resists HIV infection — and more than 18 months after he came off antiretroviral drugs — highly sensitive tests still show no trace of the man's previous HIV infection.

"There is no virus there that we can measure. We can't detect anything," said Ravindra Gupta, a professor and HIV biologist who co-led a team of doctors treating the man.

"This was really his last chance of survival."

Ravindra Gupta, professor and HIV biologist

AIDS experts said the case is a proof of the concept that scientists will one day be able to end AIDS, and marks a "critical moment" in the search for an HIV cure, but does not mean that cure has already been found.

Gupta described his patient as "functionally cured" and "in remission", but cautioned: "It's too early to say he's cured."

The man is being called "the London patient," in part because his case is similar to the first known case of a functional cure of HIV — in an American man, Timothy Brown, who became known as the Berlin patient when he underwent similar treatment in Germany in 2007 which also cleared his HIV.

Brown, who had been living in Berlin, has since moved to the United States and, according to HIV experts, is still HIV-free.

Some 37 million people worldwide are currently infected with HIV and the AIDS pandemic has killed about 35 million people worldwide since it began in the 1980s. Scientific research into the complex virus has in recent years led to the development of drug combinations that can keep it at bay in most patients.

Gupta, now at Cambridge University, treated the London patient when he was working at University College London. The man had contracted HIV in 2003, Gupta said, and in 2012 was also diagnosed with a type of blood cancer called Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

In 2016, when he was very sick with cancer, doctors decided to seek a transplant match for him.

"This was really his last chance of survival," Gupta told Reuters.

The donor — who was unrelated — had a genetic mutation known as "CCR5 delta 32," which confers resistance to HIV.

The transplant went relatively smoothly, Gupta said, but there were some side effects, including the patient suffering a period of "graft-versus-host" disease — a condition in which donor immune cells attack the recipient's immune cells.

Most experts say it is inconceivable such treatments could be a way of curing all patients. The procedure is expensive, complex and risky. To do this in others, exact match donors would have to be found in the tiny proportion of people — most of them of northern European descent — who have the CCR5 mutation that makes them resistant to the virus. REUTERS

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Legal pot is the big winner in Democratic prez race so far

Legalizing pot has broad support in the 2020 field.

MICHAEL MARTIN
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The sprawling 2020 Democratic presidential field seems to be coalescing around one position: that marijuana should be legalized.

On Monday in an email to supporters, former Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-TX), who is widely expected to join the presidential race, advocated the federal legalization of marijuana. And that wasn't just the puffery of a youngish politico known for skateboarding and shredding guitar on social media: Several Democratic presidential candidates have already voiced their support for legal pot.

"The Marijuana Justice Act seeks to reverse decades of this unfair, unjust, and failed policy by removing marijuana from the list of controlled substances."

Sen. Cory Booker

Last week, Sen. Cory Booker reintroduced the Marijuana Justice Act, which he originally put forward in 2017. The bill would decriminalize marijuana at the federal level — removing it from the Schedule I list that it shares with heroin and LSD — and tap federal funds to encourage states to legalize pot.

"The War on Drugs has not been a war on drugs, it's been a war on people, and disproportionately people of color and low-income individuals," Booker said in a statement. "The Marijuana Justice Act seeks to reverse decades of this unfair, unjust, and failed policy by removing marijuana from the list of controlled substances and making it legal at the federal level."

Several announced Democratic candidates have signed up as co-sponsors for the Marijuana Justice Act, including Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY).

Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee, who announced he was running for the Democratic nomination last weekend, launched the Marijuana Justice Initiative in January to pardon marijuana misdemeanors going back to 1998. While in Congress in the '00s, he voted several times to shield states that allowed medical marijuana from federal repercussions.

Even some of the party's midwest moderates are fronting with support for loosening restrictions. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) hasn't signed on to Booker's bill but said she supports legalizing marijuana. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), who is expected to announce a 2020 run imminently, has said he opposes legalizing pot on a federal level, but supports decriminalization, medical marijuana and states' right to legalize.

75%

Today, 75 percent of Democrats support the legalization of marijuana, along with 53 percent of Republicans, according to a recent Gallup poll.

It's a far cry from President Bill Clinton's denial of inhalation, and even President Obama's opposition to legalizing marijuana. But the ground has shifted, and with it, the political winds: Today, 75 percent of Democrats support the legalization of marijuana, along with 53 percent of Republicans, according to a recent Gallup poll. That's compared to 54 percent and 28 percent, respectively, a decade ago.

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House panel taps veteran prosecutor to lead Trump probe

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The U.S. House of Representatives Intelligence Committee said on Tuesday it had hired a former federal prosecutor in Manhattan with experience investigating Russian mobsters and white-collar crime to lead its probe into the Trump administration.

The hiring of Daniel Goldman is the latest move by the House's new Democratic majority to add legal firepower to an expanding list of investigations into the affairs of Republican President Donald Trump and his associates.

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, recently announced that he had retained Barry Berke, a prominent criminal trial lawyer, and Norman Eisen, a former adviser to President Barack Obama, to work on his expansive probe into Trump and other issues.

Rep. Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, announced that Goldman joined the panel in February as senior adviser and director of investigations. Schiff also named a new budget director and three other people for various roles.

"Under Chairman Schiff's leadership, we intend to run a professional investigation designed to uncover the facts and the truth."

Daniel Goldman

Goldman, who until recently was a frequent TV commentator on the special counsel's Russia investigation, said he was "excited" to join the committee's probe.

"Under Chairman Schiff's leadership, we intend to run a professional investigation designed to uncover the facts and the truth," Goldman said in an emailed statement.

The committee's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible collusion with the Trump campaign has taken on new life since the Democrats took control of the House in November elections. The panel is set to hear testimony from Michael Cohen, the president's onetime "fixer," for a second time on Wednesday since he turned on his former boss.

Goldman was an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York for a decade through 2017, serving as the lead prosecutor in the conviction of Las Vegas sports gambler William "Billy" Walters for insider trading.

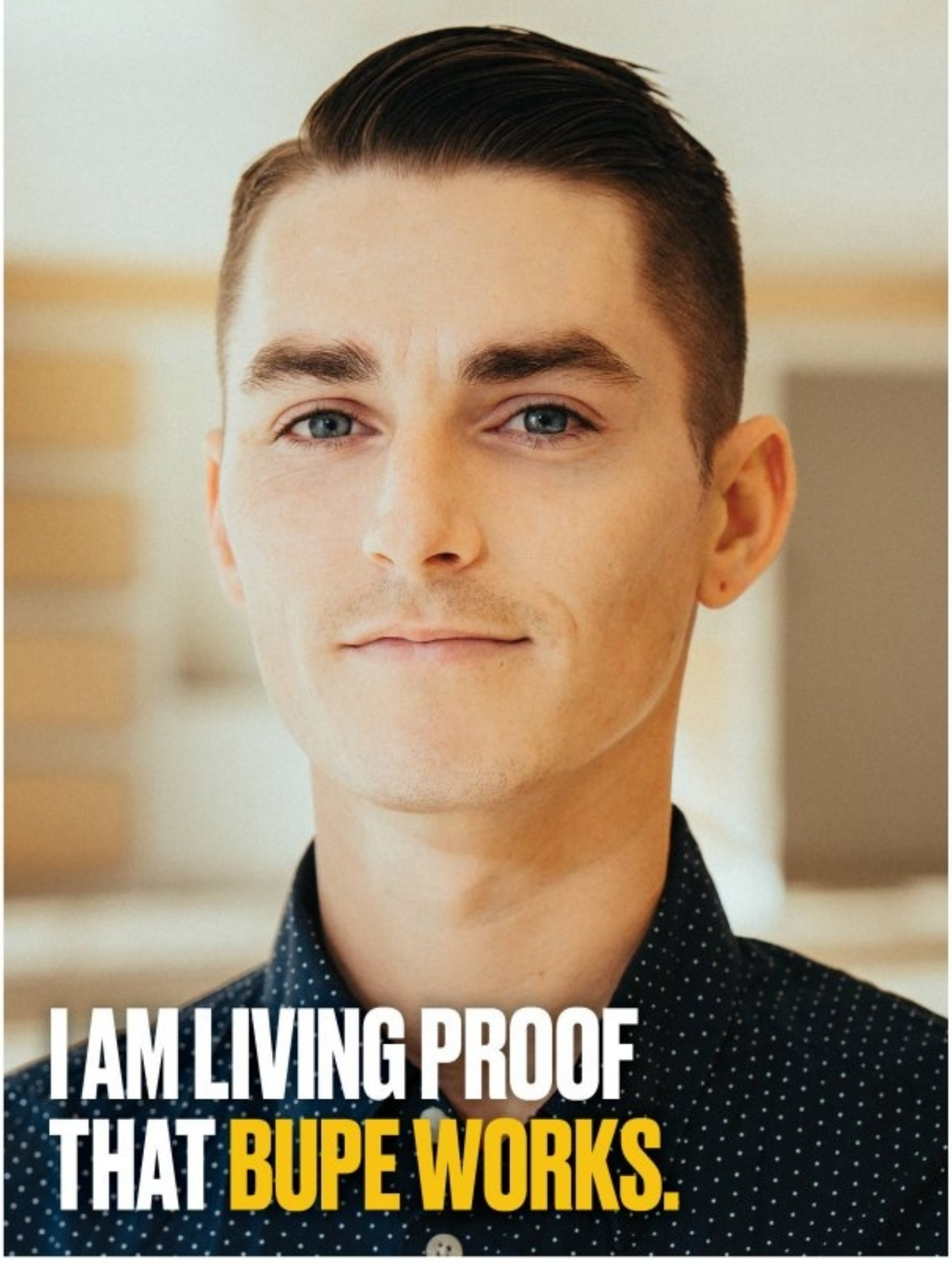
But likely more relevant to the committee's probe is Goldman's tenure as deputy of the Southern District's Organized Crime Unit, where he oversaw a major Russian mob case against more than 30 individuals for money laundering and racketeering.

Goldman had been working as a legal analyst for NBC News and MSNBC, commenting on Special Counsel Robert Mueller's 22-month-old investigation into links between the Trump campaign and Russia. A spokeswoman for MSNBC confirmed Goldman was no longer an analyst for either network.

Goldman attended last summer's trial of former Trump campaign Chairman Paul Manafort and was at the December sentencing of Cohen, who is due to start a three-year sentence in May for violating campaign finance laws and other crimes.

In other recent hires by the Democrats, the House Financial Services Committee enlisted the help of Bob Roach, a longtime investigator of complex financial and money laundering issues for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Russia has denied meddling in the 2016 election. Trump has said there was no collusion between his campaign and Moscow, and has called the Mueller probe a "witch hunt." REUTERS



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Wrestling icon King Kong Bundy dies at 61

The WWE big man was famous for his steel-cage battle with Hulk Hogan.

Christopher Pallies, better known as pro wrestling legend King Kong Bundy, died Monday at the age of 61, World Wrestling Entertainment announced.

The cause of death was not immediately known.

Bundy, who also earned the moniker "walking condominium" due to his 6-foot-4, 458-pound frame, made his professional debut in 1981 under the name Chris Canyon before changing his name.

Bundy was best known for his steel-cage match against Hulk Hogan in WrestleMania 2 in 1986, won by Hogan. He also eschewed the three-count pin, demanding referees count to five to show off his dominance over a fallen foe.

King Kong Bundy. GETTY IMAGES

Hogan, among others, took to Twitter on Tuesday to express his condolences.

"Overwhelmed by King Kong Bundy's passing, only great memories. RIP big man, until we meet again."

Bundy debuted with the WWF and competed in the first-ever WrestleMania at Madison Square Garden in 1985.

Bundy wrestled with or against wrestling's biggest stars, including Andre the Giant, The Undertaker, "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase and Bobby "The Brain" Heenan.

Bundy semi-retired from wrestling in 1988 before returning to the WWF in 1994 as part of The Million Dollar Corporation. Bundy left the WWF in 1995 and wrestled independently until 2007.

Bundy was also a stand-up comedian and actor. He appeared on the hit TV show "Married ... with Children" as well as "Boy Meets World" and starred in commercials. He also appeared in the movie "Moving" with Richard Pryor in 1988.

Bundy was part of a class-action lawsuit filed against the WWE in 2016 over claims that the company failed to take care of wrestlers suffering from head injuries. The suit was dismissed in 2018.

He was scheduled to appear at WrestleCon next month in New York.

Pallies was born in Atlantic City in 1957. REUTERS

TWEETS

@brutusbeefcake_
OMG can't hardly believe my friend Chris Pallies aka King Kong Bundy has passed away. Very sad news he was a kind soul. Rest In Peace Brother until we meet again.

@TripleH
Saddened to hear of King Kong Bundy's passing. A WrestleMania attraction, a true big man and a fan-favorite of the @WWE Universe. My thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

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‘Hello Kitty’ movie in the works

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New Line Cinema, Sanrio and FlynnPictureCo. are teaming up to develop an English-language film centering on Hello Kitty for the first time in her 45-year history.

New Line said the partnership marks the only time Sanrio, the Japanese company behind the toy, has granted film rights to Hello Kitty and friends, including Gudetama, My Melody, and Little Twin Stars, to a major film studio. Tuesday's announcement did not indicate whether the “Hello Kitty” feature film will be animated, live-action or a hybrid.

The “Hello Kitty” will be produced by Beau Flynn and executive-produced by Wendy Jacobson for FlynnPictureCo. A search for writers and creative talent will commence immediately.

Hello Kitty was initially designed in 1974 and introduced on a coin purse a year later. She can be found in 130 countries on more than 50,000 different branded products each year.

“I am extremely pleased that Hello Kitty and other popular Sanrio characters will be making their Hollywood debut,” Sanrio founder, President and CEO Shintaro Tsuji said. “Hello Kitty has long been a symbol of friendship and we hope this film will only serve to grow that circle of friendship around the world.”

New Line executives Richard Brener and Carolyn Blackwood said in a joint statement, “We are thrilled to partner with Sanrio and FlynnPictureCo. on developing a film based on this treasured icon.”

Flynn's producing credits include “Rampage,” “Skyscraper,” “San Andreas” and the “Journey to the Center of the Earth” franchise.

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Michael Jackson 'never touched me inappropriately,' Corey Feldman insists

A $100M lawsuit was filed against HBO.

As a storm of controversy swirls around HBO's documentary "Leaving Neverland" — in which two men, Wade Robson and James Safechuck, allege that Michael Jackson sexually abused them when they were boys — former child actor Corey Feldman posted a series of tweets Monday in which he insists the late singer "never touched me inappropriately" during their friendship.

The two became friendly before Feldman had reached his teens. "All i know is what I experienced, & yes every experience was the same ... right up 2 the sex part!," he writes. "That is where it becomes lala land, instead of neverland 4 me. We never spoke about sex other than a few warnings about how sex was scary, & dangerous... never once swore in my presence, never touched me inappropriately, & never ever suggested we should be lovers in any way! I feel like if ppl could hear our convos they would hear the innocence in them. No hint of perversion. I hav a tape, im thinkin about releasing, which could... giv ppl a real look @ what a 30 yr old man/child & a 13 yr old boy would discuss, so every1 could hear the innocence of r relationship. Again i wasnt there when those boys were. But i was there around the same time as jimmy, & i saw many kids around (girls included) who i am ... Still friends with 2 this day, & none of us were ever approached by him in a sexual way at all! So as much as those 2 men deserve 2 hav their voices heard, so do the thousands of kids who hung around him, that dont agree!"

"However I do take issue with the fact that this whole thing is 1 sided w no chance of a defense from a dead man, & no evidence other than the word of 2 men who as adults defended him in court."

Corey Feldman, on Twitter

Feldman, who says he was sexually abused as a child and is currently an ambassador for the orga-

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nization Child USA, does criticize the documentary as being one-sided, as have many viewers; it presents only the perspective of the two men and their families.

"However I do take issue with the fact that this whole thing is 1 sided w no chance of a defense from a dead man, & no evidence other than the word of 2 men who as adults defended him in court!" Feldman wrote on Twitter. "But as we will never really know, I only hav my memories. And thank God 4 me, my memories of MJ were mostly fond, aside from R 1 & only fight because he incorrectly feared I would turn on him, & make up lies. I never did. I never would! I pray those boys can sleep w that same clarity of consciousness! let God b thy judge!"

The Jackson estate has filed a $100 million lawsuit against HBO over the documentary and issued several aggressively worded statements against it since the film premiered at Sundance in January, as have several Jackson family members.

GETTY IMAGES

In an attempt to distract fans from the documentary, the estate posted a pair of long-form videos of Jackson concerts on YouTube "for a limited time," the first of which, "Live in Bucharest (The Dangerous Tour)," was itself a veiled dig at HBO: It originally aired as a concert special on HBO in 1992, and it is at the center of the estate's lawsuit, which claims "Leaving Neverland" violates a non-disparagement clause in the contract over the broadcast rights to the Bucharest concert. REUTERS

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I thought there was a law against riding bikes on the sidewalk.

— **Anonymous,** *Metro US reader*

PEOPLE KEEPING THEIR WORD

Do you have those friends who always say things like, "Oh, you know me, I'm always late," and you are supposed to just be okay with them whenever they bail on plans? Why do we let those people off the hook all of the time? If you make plans, you should follow through with them. If you can't, we don't have the responsibility to forgive you for being a flaky person.

— **Sam,** *Metro New York reader*

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Aries Learn all you can. Knowledge is power, and it will help you deter someone trying to coax you into something that isn't right for you. Don't second-guess your plans.

Taurus Put your best foot forward and help those in need. What you learn will be enlightening and will encourage you to get involved in your community. Positive change is doable.

Gemini Spend more time deciding what's best for you. Walk away from anyone offering the impossible or trying to pressure you into something you don't need.

Cancer Partnerships, contracts and moneymaking opportunities look promising. Make changes that are conducive to getting ahead and establishing a better future. Ask and you shall receive.

Leo Be careful what you wish for. An offer will be riddled with complications. Set up your affairs to minimize outside control; you'll need to be the one calling the shots.

Virgo Focus on what's important and finish what you start. How you treat others will affect what people say about you. If you do good things, your reputation will precede you.

Libra Listen and observe to gain experience and information that will help you make better choices. Don't start something you cannot finish. Personal integrity and growth are favored.

Scorpio Take care of situations that involve others. Discussing possibilities and offering choices to the people you care about will foster an agreement that will encourage better relationships.

Sagittarius Make changes for the right reason. Don't take anyone's word. Find out the facts and walk away from emotionally manipulative individuals. Someone's motives should be questioned.

Capricorn Get ready, get fit and take action. You can achieve a lot if you size up your situation and put plans in motion that promote progress and life improvements.

Aquarius Don't let a last-minute change someone makes disrupt your day. Go about your business and do your own thing. Keep your life simple and doable to avoid frustration and interference.

Pisces Let your intuition guide you. An emotional matter will help clarify exactly what you should do to prevent anyone from taking advantage of you. EUGENIA LAST

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The Mütter Museum is known for its obscure and unique collection of anatomical and pathological specimens, wax models and antique medical equipment. Many Philadelphians venture to the historic establishment to pique their curiosity and learn about the wonders of the human body.

But at 7 p.m. on March 9, the museum will be visited for a very different reason. The Mütter will transform into Clüb 13 and host a superstitious themed dinner full of circus acts, drinks and plenty of deliciously themed dishes in honor of Dr. Thomas Dent Mütter's 108th birthday.

For one night only, guests can indulge in a dining experience unlike any other. The dinner is based on a real 19th-century supper club that dined in the face of superstition and featured the number 13, walking under ladders, black cats, mirror smashing and more that signified universal "bad luck." The supper club was so popular that even President Grover Cleveland (whose jaw tumor happens to be on display at the Mütter) was even a member.

"Of all the events we host, Clüb 13 is one of the most fun," said Jillian Stahl, Events Manager of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, home of the Mütter Museum in a release. "An irreverent dinner party that laughs in the face of superstition is the perfect way to celebrate Dr. Mütter's 108th birthday."

The evening starts off with a challenge that takes guests through the Mütter Museum to find a password that allows access to Clüb 13. Once the password is found, any superstitious patron can enter the club located in an elegant ballroom directly above the museum.

From there, guests will be greeted by a woman in a strolling champagne dress while also viewing incredible circus feats from the performers at the Philadelphia School of Circus Acts. Performances include a champagne bottle walker/hula artist, a juggler who has toured with Cirque de Soleil and Philly's all-female professional jazz dance troupe Project Moshen.

Dinner will include themed courses all based around common superstitions including "Don't Spill the Salt" (salt baked beets, goat cheese, frisée and pistachio) "Beware Of Bread Bubbles" (toasted baguette, avocado mash, crab salad and mango relish) and "Don't Cut The Noodle Short" (short-rib chow fun, bean sprouts, carrot and scallion). There will also be vegan and gluten-free options available for most dishes. Philadelphians can also indulge in an open bar with bottomless cocktails throughout the duration of the event.

Anyone who attends should be prepared for many curious twists and turns throughout the evening. Period and themed attire is encouraged; anything goes from masquerade and 19th-century mourning to black tie and edgy-fancy cocktail attire-whatever tickles your superstitious fancy.

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'The Kid' truly was a family affair

Director Vincent D'Onofrio and star Leila George talk us through the Western.

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"The Kid" is a dark movie, packed full of abuse, murder, crime and robbery.

Set in 1879, it revolves around Rio (Jake Schur) and Sara (Leila George), a brother and sister running away from their abusive uncle (Chris Pratt), only to encounter the legendary outlaw Billy The Kid (Dane DeHaan) and lawman Pat Garrett (Ethan Hawke), who they soon become entangled with.

"I have always loved Westerns," director Vincent D'Onofrio tells Metro. "I also started to think about a coming of age story. So I combined the two. I thought, 'Wouldn't it be cool to put a kid in between Pat Garrett and Billy The Kid?' I really wanted to tell an American saga.

D'Onofrio doesn't shy away from the film's more immoral moments, though. In fact "The Kid" has an extra edge and emotion to it because of the incredible cast that he has assembled, each of whom he has a deep and personal relationship with.

"I THOUGHT, 'WOULDN'T IT BE COOL TO PUT A KID IN BETWEEN PAT GARRETT AND BILLY THE KID?' I REALLY WANTED TO TELL AN AMERICAN SAGA."

"My life these days is about loyalty and friendship. I am trying to keep good karma in life. These guys are that to me. Ethan Hawke is one of my best friends, I taught Ben Dickey acting, Dane DeHaan is such a genuine person."

"I have a particular way that I direct. It requires trust and a lot of no nonsense. The idea of being a genuine person and not full of s--t helps for good work. I really do believe that when people are upset and smiling in this film it is all genuine. There's no nonsense going on."

Obviously, the one person D'Onofrio was closet to on set was Leila George, his daughter, and he calls filming with her was an "incredible thing for a dad to experience."

"That added to the familial feel of the film.

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All of the guys know her. She knows how I feel about them. They know how I feel about her because she put a lot of us to shame some days, with her commitment, with how smart she was, with how well she took direction. I was very proud of her."

Rather than being perturbed by working with her dad, George found it liberating to be in such a "safe space." Not only was it a "dream come true" to work so closely with her father, but she also reveled in being surrounded by so many close friends and family, including Hawke, whom she describes as a "quiet mentor."

But some scenes were much more peculiar to shoot than others, though.

"I am in a lot of intense scenes," says George. "The set was so small, too. So, you know, when you're doing a scene where Chris Pratt is holding you by your neck, throwing you around, screaming at you, and my actual cousin is beating me up, and my dad is sat in the corner of a room with a monitor on his lap, there are a lot of real emotions in the room."

Vincent D'Onofrio directing Chris Pratt and Jake Schur on "The Kid" set. LIONSGATE

"It was very surreal. But I just loved having the freedom and trust to do what I can do, and what my dad knows I can do."

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These are the best iPhone photos

Stunning images made with the Apple smartphone that won in a global contest.

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Apple recently announced the winners of its Shot on iPhone Challenge, a contest to collect the best photographs taken with the smartphone. These images were made using a range of models, from iPhone XS Max to iPhone 7, and from countries like Singapore, Germany, Belarus, Israel and the U.S. The winners' works will appear on billboards in selected cities, in Apple stores and online.

1 "This is a photo filled with lovely color and sense of story in the composition," contest judge Chen Man stated. Alex Jiang (U.S.), iPhone XS Max.

2 "Gorgeous dynamic range. There's detail throughout the photo in the meadow, trees and clouds," judge Kaiann Drance said. Robert Glaser (Germany), iPhone 7.

3 "Very unique composition and color palette, playing to the strengths of iPhone XS," commented judge Sebastien Marineau-Mes. Andrew Griswold (U.S.), iPhone XS.

4 "Love how the heart-shaped water puddle frames the subject, capturing a glimpse of the world as the subject hurriedly walks past," Marineau-Mes said. Dina Alfasi (Israel), iPhone X.

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SPORTS

Harper already recruiting Trout to Phils

The Phillies' newest signing is wasting no time introducing the thought of stacking his team's outfield.

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Bryce Harper (right) is making it known that he's coming after Mike Trout (left). GETTY IMAGES

Bryce Harper isn't wasting much time trying to make his new team, the Philadelphia Phillies, even stronger.

Asked by reporters about the impending free agency of Los Angeles Angels superstar Mike Trout in two years, Harper said on Tuesday, "If you don't think I'm gonna call Mike Trout to come to Philly in 2020, you're crazy."

Harper recently signed a massive $13-year, $330 million deal to join the Phillies last week, a record-setting signing that eclipsed the $325 million contract of New York Yankees slugger Giancarlo Stanton.

The 26-year-old's signing concluded a lethargic offseason when it came to the free-agent market. Both he and infielder Manny Machado — who opted to sign a 10-year, $300 million deal with the San Diego Padres — went unsigned for four months despite being the best talents available.

Harper's introduction to the lineup further cements the Phillies as legitimate contenders for the National League East crown. The front office was plenty busy this offseason, building a potent-looking offense that now features all-star catcher J.T. Realmuto and former NL MVP Andrew McCutchen along with Harper and budding first baseman Rhys Hoskins.

Regardless of spending "stupid money," as deemed by owner John Middleton, the Phillies are showing no signs of slowing down as they've been continuously linked with Trout, who is one of the most recognizable faces and greatest talents in the majors.

And Harper might have helped lay the groundwork for another monster deal in the winter of 2020.

"I talked to him a lot," Harper said of Trout, per MLB.com. "From November all the way through the process."

The 27-year-old Trout is a Millville, N.J., native grew up just 50 miles from Philadelphia while idolizing the city's sports teams. He was even on hand for the Phillies' World Series victory parade in 2008 as a 17-year-old.

"Just seeing where he grew up in Philly, things like that," Harper said. "Just trying to get a hometown kid to tell me what he felt, how he felt about the organization and the area and things like that. He's a kid who grew up seeing the Phillies have success, so going through those times with the fans and things like that. It was good to get his perspective and hear how he felt."

Trout has already been asked about the possibility of playing for the Phillies and the initial returns were promising.

"Growing up as a kid, you always want to play for your team, but I love it in Anaheim," Trout said back in 2017. "I can't say enough about this organization, I was brought up here and we'll see what happens."

Trout is already on his way to a Hall of Fame career. Through his first eight MLB seasons, he's been selected to seven All-Star games and won two MVP awards and six Silver Sluggers. Putting him in center field alongside Harper in the hitter-friendly Citizen's Bank Ballpark would obviously give the Phillies the most imposing outfield in the National League.

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With legal sports betting in its infancy in Pennsylvania and in many other states around the country, people are still getting their arms wrapped around the industry. Today we'll field a few questions that readers often have about the sports betting industry, particularly in Philadelphia.

When is online sports betting coming to Pennsylvania?

It's the million-dollar question.

When the physical sportsbooks began opening up in December, we were told that mobile betting was just a couple of months behind. Well, now it's March and there still hasn't been much movement.

Multiple sportsbook executives in Philadelphia told MetroBet in February that the feeling was that April or May was the new goal, but in the past few days those same executives have said it will now be more like June or July.

Parx Casino seems well-positioned to be the online leader in Philadelphia out of the gate if and when online gets up and running in the state as they already have an app available.

Are odds on Philadelphia teams to win worse at Philly sportsbooks?

The sportsbooks in Philly must account for the overwhelming amount of money placed on their local teams, so they might be a tick or two off from, say, a Vegas line or an offshore line. For the most part, however, the sportsbooks here have odds in line with the rest of the country. In this online world, sportsbook execs know that word will get around quickly if their lines are out of whack.

What are some changes we could see in sports betting in the coming years?

Outside many sports stadiums in Europe there are sports betting kiosks where you can make a bet on the game you are about to attend. Some places even have the betting kiosks inside the stadium.

These kiosks, which are wildly popular at the sportsbooks in Philly, will likely also soon be available at your local convenience store and certainly at places like Buffalo Wild Wings or Hooters.

Buffalo Wild Wings executives have already stated that they are seeking sports betting opportunities and are looking at potential partners.

Sports betting 101: The magic of parlays

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Six-team parlays on point spreads or Over/Unders pay anywhere from 40/1 to 45/1 depending on where you're betting them.

Betting moneylines in parlays can change the payouts dramatically in one direction or another. A six-team parlay using favorites at -200 on the moneyline (about a five-point favorite in point spread terms) would only return 10/1. A six-team parlay using +200 underdogs (around +6 in point spread terms) would return more than 700/1.

These dynamics are important to think about in early March because pundits and casual bettors start talking about futures prices to win the NCAA Tournament. Some high-profile teams look like they offer value at 15/1 or 20/1. It's easy to spot sleepers at 50/1 where you're thinking.

Picking a team to win the National Championship is basically asking them to win a six-team moneyline parlay for you. But you can simulate the power of a parlay by backing your selected team to win outright each round (which is what they HAVE to do to win the national title). After each game, fully reinvest your initial stake and profit. Keep rolling it over, game by game. If your choice DOES go 6-0, you'll be grateful you bet it this way rather than on the futures board. If it doesn't, you lose the same initial stake.

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Betting trends

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16-14	Away/home	7-25
6-4	L10	6-4
4-1 ATS in L5 vs. Central	Betting trend	Over is 5-2 in L7 at home
-5.5	Line	-5.5

O/U: Over-under. L5 = Last 5 games. ATS = Against the spread.

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Breaking down the Big East

GETTY IMAGES

Seton Hall needs big wins over Marquette and Villanova.

Has Seton Hall lost its legs?

You often hear former college basketball head coaches and players say that the sure signs of "fatigue" late in a game or late in a season are offenses clanking three-pointers off the rim and turning the ball over.

Tired players don't get lift on their jump shots. Passes aren't as quick and accurate.

Heading into this week's "save the season" challenge, Seton Hall must score home upsets vs. Marquette (FS1, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday) and Villanova (FOX, noon Saturday) to sit solidly on the right side of the bubble. And, they must do so on the heels of a three-game non-cover streak that featured these stats:

6-of-26 on treys vs. Xavier

5-of-20 on treys, 22 turnovers at St. John's

5-of-29 on treys, 19 turnovers at Georgetown

That's a combined 16-of-75 on three-pointers, for a woeful 21.3 percent (same as shooting only 32 percent on two-pointers). The Pirates did protect the ball vs. Xavier (only nine giveaways), but were very sloppy in those two road losses.

Maybe having its back to the wall in two big home games will provide Seton Hall with the adrenaline shot needed to spring two surprises and lock in a Dance bid. It will be very difficult to win either game if those shooting and sloppiness woes continue. Unfortunately, bettors know that the Pirates are just 3-10 against the spread at home this season.

Seton Hall and much of the Big East are positioned precariously in Dance discussions. It's hard for outsiders to know how heavily the NCAA tournament selection committee will weigh its new "NET" ranking system. Its methodology yields similar rankings to what college basketball bettors are used to seeing from the likes of Ken Pomeroy of kenpom.com and Jeff Sagarin of USA Today.

Entering the new week: Seton Hall ranked No. 63 in NET, No. 61 with Pomeroy, and No. 59 with Sagarin. Using the same order for others, St. John's ranked 61-67-58, surging Xavier 71-70-55. Creighton (50-50-44) and Butler (59-59-51) were receiving more love from the computers than from pundits, but have time to crash the brackets.

What do those rankings mean for 68-team field in the Big Dance? Usually the top 45 to 50 will get in, with remaining spots going to auto-bid winners from small conferences scattered across the country. If the committee respects those computer assessments, Big East bids may be limited to Marquette and Villanova.

Plenty of drama ahead this week, and then in next week's Big East tournament. Bettors must strike a proper analytical balance amongst team skill sets, potential fatigue, and need-to-win urgency.

Other box score categories to look at when trying to spot fatigue issues: two-point defense, a tendency to commit fouls in the paint and a slowdown in pace from prior norms. These will be important to remember later this week and next week in conference tournament formats that force winners to play back-to-back on consecutive days.

Note that St. John's has a midweek bye, and will end its regular season Saturday on the road at Xavier (FOX, 5 p.m.).

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7:30 pm	**NHL Hockey** Washington Capitals vs. Philadelphia Flyers	NBC Sports Network
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10:30 pm	**NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets vs. Los Angeles Lakers	ESPN

Flyers and Sixers betting previews

MetroBet takes a glance at two local games on the docket for Wednesday.

Capitals vs. Flyers

The offenses of both the Capitals (38-21-7) and the Flyers (32-26-8) have been firing on all cylinders lately, and that trend should continue when these clubs collide at the Wells Fargo Center on Wednesday night.

Philly forwards have netted at least three goals in five straight contests. Left wing James Van Riemsdyk leads all snipers in that span with four goals, but center Claude Giroux has been extremely impressive, contributing nine assists. Sean Couturier, Travis Konecny and Jakub Voracek each have three goals in their last five efforts.

Per Covers.com, the Caps' Over/Under record is 7-2 in their last nine games against teams with losing records. The Flyers have gone Over in four of their last six contests against teams with winning records and in four straight home games.

The play: Capitals +135, Over

Sixers vs. Bulls

The fact that both the 76ers and Bulls will be on the second half of a back-to-back when they face off at the United Center should have bettors running to the windows to wager on the Over.

Tobias Harris has integrated nicely into the Sixers' lineup. He's averaged 24.8 points per game over his last five tilts, and his season average is 21.

The Over is 5-2 in the Bulls' last seven home games.

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Flyers' unlikely playoff push continues through injuries with Capitals next

The Flyers are inching toward a playoff spot as they host the defending champs tonight.

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Goaltender Carter Hart is making his way back from injury. GETTY IMAGES

Don't look now, but the Philadelphia Flyers are just five points out of the final Eastern Conference playoff spot heading into Tuesday night's slate of games.

Following a 4-1 beatdown of the Metropolitan Division's second-place New York Islanders at the Nassau Coliseum, which has proven to be one of the tougher places to play in the NHL this year, Philadelphia continues to roll under interim head coach Scott Gordon.

Following a 12-15-4 start under Dave Hakstol, the Flyers made the change behind the bench in an attempt to turn around the season. After all, it was early December and there was time to piece together a playoff push.

The problem was, things started horrendously under Gordon as the Flyers lost 10 of his first 14 games, a stretch that looked to end the season shortly after the calendar flipped to 2019.

But a resilient Flyers team — which saw Gordon clearly define the roles of every single player on the roster — finally jelled just before the All-Star break, reeling off eight straight wins from Jan. 14 to Feb. 4.

On a grander scale, the Flyers have won 16 of their last 21 games as they've climbed to 10th place in the East with 72 points. They've managed to maintain a high level of play despite trading away one of their glue guys in veteran Wayne Simmonds, who was dealt to the Nashville Predators on Feb. 25 for Ryan Hartman and a draft pick.

Separating them from the final postseason spot, currently occupied by the Pittsburgh Penguins, are the Columbus Blue Jackets, who have 75 points. It's a reasonable deficit to overturn, especially with 16 games remaining.

The final stretch gets off to a difficult start on Wednesday night when the Flyers host the defending Stanley Cup champion and Metro-leading Washington Capitals.

It doesn't help that the Flyers are dealing with injuries to a number of vital players, though, which is only going to make the uphill trek more difficult in the final weeks of the regular season.

Goalie Carter Hart, who has missed the last four games due to a lower-body injury, could rejoin the team for morning skate on Wednesday. Hart has played a crucial role in Philadelphia's resurgence, supplying consistent goaltending over the Flyers' successful stress.

Over his last 15 games, the 20-year-old was 11-4-0 with a .920 save percentage.

Right winger Jakub Voracek, who is third on the team with 59 points, will miss Wednesday night's game against Washington due to a lower-body injury. The knock sidelined him for the first time in 242 games on Sunday.

"Jake will see the doctor [Wednesday] to be re-evaluated," general manager Chuck Fletcher said. "We hope to get him back on the ice by Thursday."

Nolan Patrick was listed by Fletcher as a possibility to play on Wednesday night after taking a puck to the face against the Islanders.

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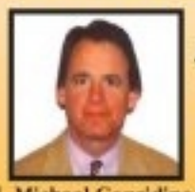

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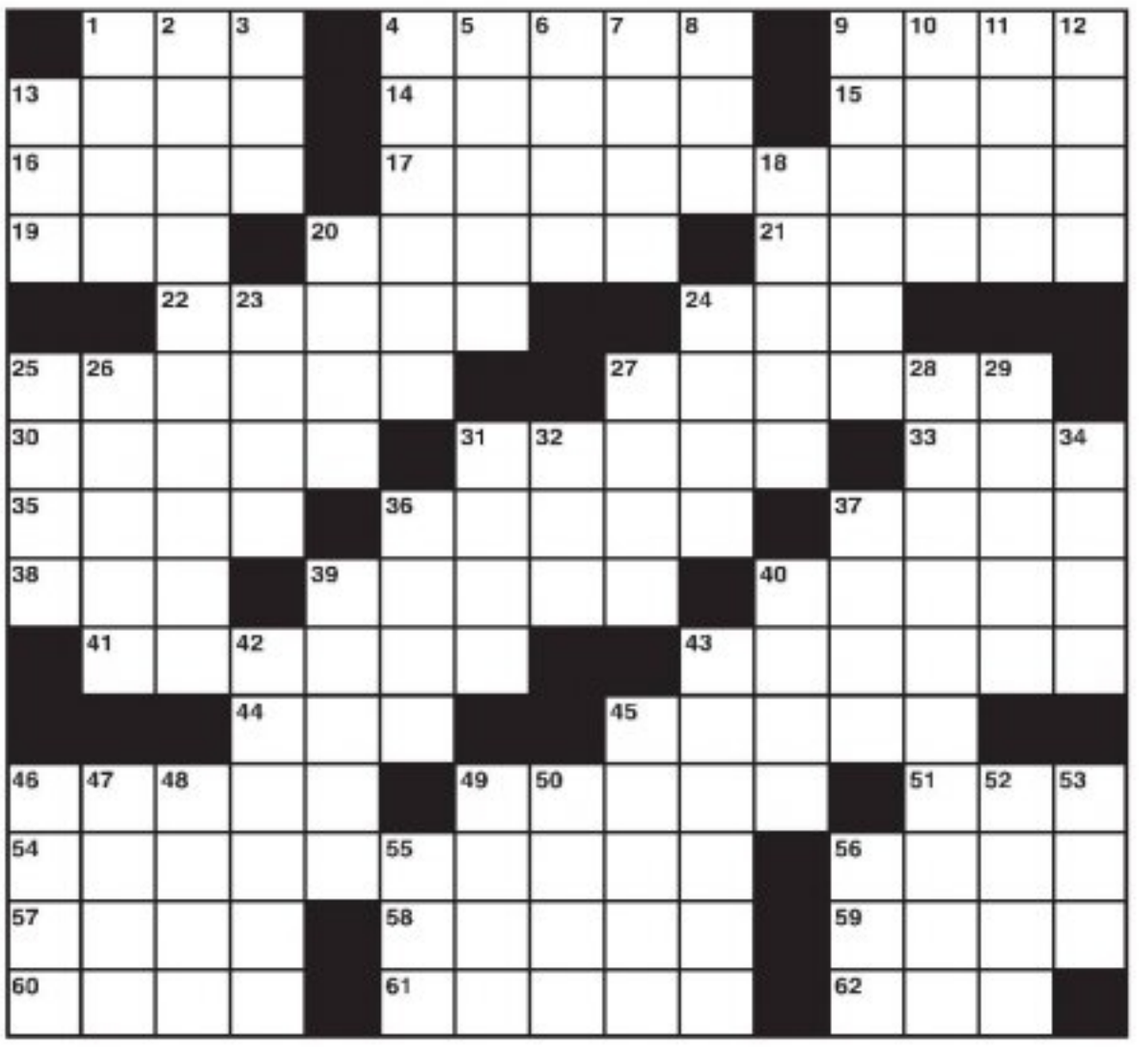

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19 "Says __?"; skeptic's reply
20 Met production
21 Shoestrings
22 New Delhi dollar
24 Flea collar wearer
25 Ill will; loathing
27 Least risky
30 Straighten
31 Eyeglasses
33 "Olympus __ Fallen"; Morgan Freeman film
35 Floating sheet of ice
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37 Ditty
38 Cheap metal
39 Dairy product
40 Row of shrubs
41 Shun
43 At __; haphazardly
44 Tear
45 "__ makes waste"
46 Play a guitar
49 Piece of chicken
51 Record speed letters
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56 One not to be trusted
57 Expel; get rid of
58 Funeral song
59 Overnight stops
60 Golf shop purchase
61 Drive too fast
62 Humpty Dumpty, for one

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7 Invisible emanation
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20 Not locked
23 Strong desire
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